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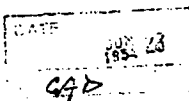
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Chief, EE

Chief of Mission, Frankfurt

CADORY/Operational

TFOASIS/Meeting with CAMLET



22 JUNI 1954

1. An operational meeting was held with CAMLET on 16 June. The following topics were discussed:

a. CAMLET commented that he was the youngest member of the steering committee (Aktionsausschuss) of the newly constituted Movement for German Reunification founded at Bad Neuenahr on 14 June. CAMLET thought that the prominent personalities who made up the Board of Trustees (Kuratorium) would probably leave the bulk of the activities which the Movement planned to sponsor in the hands of lesser lights, presumably younger people. To the DO's question as to what role such well known cold war groups as CADROIT and DTLINEN would play vis a vis the Movement, CAMLET stated that they would probably be asked to designate one of their staff members to represent them on one of the working committees. As an afterthought, CAMLET observed that this arrangement would give responsible government officials an opportunity to monitor some of their general propaganda activities, especially those of DTLINEN. (Note: This may presage a development which we will have to watch closely. For tactical and diplomatic reasons, CADROIT and DTLINEN should participate in certain activities which the Movement may sponsor, but not to the detriment of our control over them.)

b. CAMLET stated that the special items produced for the FDJ rally (see Paragraph 1, EGBA-13755) were distributed without serious difficulty. However, he ran into some trouble on two items, the falsified VOPO magazine (printed for KALENY) and the special Magazin for the FDJ. The former contained a pro-EDC article which aroused the ire of his party's press office. The press office chief telephoned him and scolded him for printing this article. CAMLET allegedly told him that he did not intend to act as censor over the contents of written material contracted to be printed in his establishment. With respect to the Magazin (printed under the arrangement which called for us to broker HICOG funds), a small number of individuals concerned with supervision of some of the special offices to handle FDJ visitors demanded that this item be banned from distribution to FDJ members. They considered several pin-up type pictures in the Magazin as immoral. CAMLET, who was a member of the Berlin committee which was responsible

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- 3 - COM
- 1 - BOB/KUFIRE

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for the establishment of various public arrangements to handle FDJ visitors, informed those who protested the Magazin that one or two pin-up type pictures would not destroy the morals of the East Zone youth and that the articles in the Magazin were of definite interest to them. However, not wishing to antagonize those who disagreed with him in this matter, he ordered all distributors not to give the Magazin to FDJ members under 18 years of age. (Note: All three items printed for us by CAMLET in connection with the FDJ rally were submitted to us in dummy form for approval before being printed. We reviewed them and considered the contents applicable to the occasion. Although the merits of the pin-up pictures were debatable, we did not believe that they would contribute to the delinquency of minors. It seems we made a mild error in judgment and some Germans disagreed with our viewpoint. To avoid future controversies, we will not permit CAMLET to print pictures of that type in items sponsored by us.) Despite CAMLET's instructions to the distributors to keep the Magazin out of the hands of minors, the distributors reported that a number of copies discarded by older FDJ members were picked up by the younger set, primarily because they found the bright cover attractive. CAMLET called the entire affair a tempest in a teapot, caused in part, he alleged, because some Berliners are jealous of his varied business activities.

c. CAMLET was asked for an explanation concerning the accountings for the above items. Due to a misunderstanding, CAMLET was paid directly by NICOOG for this operation despite the fact that it was specifically authorized by us. The operation was to cost about 40,000 DMW but CAMLET billed NICOOG for about 56,000 DMW. CAMLET was requested to clarify this difference. He explained that the items were printed according to our specifications and that distribution arrangements had been laid on accordingly. However, during Identity 1's recent visit to Berlin, he allegedly asked CAMLET how the FDJ rally special operation was coming along. CAMLET briefed him on the arrangement worked out with us. Identity 1 allegedly was somewhat surprised that we had reduced the original proposal which CAMLET had made to him which called for an expenditure of approximately 56,000 DMW. According to CAMLET, Identity 1 implied that the latter sum was available and that he would not object if it were used up. Identity 1, Identity 2 and CAMLET then came to an agreement that CAMLET would increase the number of copies of each item, which brought the total bill to about 56,000 DMW. (Note: This development placed CADRAIN in an awkward position. He did not receive a copy of the bills which went to NICOOG and were not able to determine the extent of the operation. The CO asked CAMLET to furnish him a copy of the bills. Since we did not broker the NICOOG funds, our intention to use them as a control lever failed.)

d. During a general discussion of distribution difficulties, CAMLET was asked to clarify the distribution procedure used for the large format PEBBLOOM. We were especially interested in determining

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the exact number of the large format printed each week. (Note: Our interest was directed to this matter because about a week ago [] commented to the CO that to the best of his knowledge 12 to 14 thousand copies of the large format were printed each week. Obviously this statement was not at all compatible with the fact that we pay CAMLET for 30 thousand copies per week. The CO asked [] to establish conclusively the exact weekly run of the large format (a difficult task because CAMLET issued standing instructions that all employees not directly employed in the press room are prohibited entry thereto) and [] asked [] to make a similar attempt.) CAMLET explained that about 42 thousand copies of the large format are printed per week, 30 thousand for us which are distributed to GDR residents free of charge, and 12 thousand which are sold to GDR residents, principally West Berliners, by students at various sector railroad stations and crossing points. CAMLET reiterated previous contentions that he prints and sells 12 to 14 thousand copies of the large format per week (at his own expense) over and above the 30,000 copies printed for us because the sale of the former defrays part of the loss per copy he allegedly incurs on our order. He then went on to say that we need not have any fears that he might be cheating us. He stated that his business interests were so varied that he could not and would not risk the reputation of his business and the loss of customers by swindling those doing business with him. He also pointed out that in a business as large as his it was virtually impossible to falsify a press run because a considerable number of employees were involved in putting together an issue of 30 thousand copies per week. CAMLET then suggested that the CO pay a weekly visit to his Verlag to control our issue right on the spot; the CO declined the offer for obvious reasons. Instead, the CO suggested that CAMLET furnish us some form of production order or other written proof showing the exact number of the large format printed per week; CAMLET agreed to do so. (Note: On 16 June [] reported to [] that in the course of a business meeting with CAMLET the latter told him that the weekly issue of the large and small format PBBLOOM was 40,000 and 60,000 copies, respectively. This statement sounds valid as far as the large format is concerned, but not for the small format. It again indicates that CAMLET's statements must be accepted with reservations.) Irrespective of what proof CAMLET furnishes us, we shall continue to seek a clarification of this matter through other sources.

e. The breakdown of the reorganized TPOASIS distribution apparatus was reviewed and CAMLET was asked to explain the functions of various offices and individuals. CAMLET stated that we would be informed of any revisions and then requested that the identities of the apparatus members be kept within our channels.

2. As indicated in Paragraph 1d. above, we are conducting a form of investigation to determine once and for all whether CAMLET is giving us exactly what we pay for. It will take time to get the answers

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and we may not get them all. It would be helpful if FOB and Bonn case officers could keep our situation in mind and would inform us of any information which might aid us in this matter.

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18 June 1954/bom

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1 - BOB/KUFIRE w/att.

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Identity 1 - Mickey BOERNER

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Identity 2 - John E. McGOWAN

Distribution:

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3 - COM (Attn: E)
1 - BOB/KFIRE E

3 (DIRECT)